

31 of the calendar year following the date on which the request is made.

"(3) A report under this subsection shall be submitted on April 30 of the calendar year following the date on which the request is made.

"(4) An Inspector General shall not be required to submit a report under this subsection if the written request for such report is submitted to the Inspector General after November 30 of the calendar year preceding the date on which the report is otherwise required to be submitted to a congressional committee or the Comptroller General."

(c) SUBMISSION OF OTHER REPORTS.—Nothing in the amendments made by this section shall be construed to limit an Inspector General from submitting any report containing in whole or part information required in an annual or semiannual report furnished and transmitted under section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to Congress more frequently than on an annual or semiannual basis.

(d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 4(a)(2) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking "semiannual" and inserting "annual".

(2) Section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)—

(i) by striking "Semiannual" and inserting "Annual"; and

(ii) by striking "April 30 and"; and

(B) in subsection (c)—

(i) in the first sentence by striking "semiannual" and inserting "annual"; and

(ii) in the second sentence by striking "semiannual" and inserting "annual".

(3) Section 8(f) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking "semiannual" and inserting "annual".

SEC. 5. INSPECTORS GENERAL AT LEVEL III OF EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE.

(a) LEVEL IV POSITIONS.—Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking each item relating to the following positions:

(1) Inspector General, Department of Education.

(2) Inspector General, Department of Energy.

(3) Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

(4) Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

(5) Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(6) Inspector General, Department of Labor.

(7) Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

(8) Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

(9) Inspector General, Department of Defense.

(10) Inspector General, United States Information Agency.

(11) Inspector General, Department of State.

(12) Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

(13) Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

(14) Inspector General, Department of Justice.

(15) Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

(16) Inspector General, Agency for International Development.

(17) Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

(18) Inspector General, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(19) Inspector General, General Services Administration.

(20) Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(21) Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

(22) Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management.

(23) Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board.

(24) Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

(25) Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(26) Inspector General, Resolution Trust Corporation.

(27) Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

(28) Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

(29) Inspector General, United States Postal Service.

(30) Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority.

(b) LEVEL III POSITIONS.—Section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"Inspector General, Department of Education.

"Inspector General, Department of Energy.

"Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

"Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

"Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Inspector General, Department of Labor.

"Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

"Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Inspector General, Department of Defense.

"Inspector General, Department of State.

"Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

"Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

"Inspector General, Department of Justice.

"Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

"Inspector General, Agency for International Development.

"Inspector General, Corporation for Community and National Service.

"Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

"Inspector General, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"Inspector General, General Services Administration.

"Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

"Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management.

"Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board.

"Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

"Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

"Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

"Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

"Inspector General, United States Postal Service.

"Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority."

(c) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section shall have the effect of reducing the rate of pay of any individual serving as an Inspector General on the effective date of this section.

SEC. 6. STUDY AND REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICES.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) develop criteria for determining whether the consolidation of Federal Inspector General offices would be cost-efficient and in the public interest; and

(2) conduct a study of Federal Inspector General offices using the criteria developed under paragraph (1) to determine whether any such offices should be consolidated.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to Congress containing recommendations for any legislative action, based on the study conducted under subsection (a).

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2000

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until the hour of 12 noon on Friday, December 15. I further ask consent that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 1 o'clock, with Senators speaking for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided in the usual form.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at noon tomorrow. Following approximately an hour of morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of the final appropriations bill if it has been received from the House. A vote is expected on the bill shortly after the morning hour, with the sine die adjournment to occur shortly after that.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GRAMS. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator BYRD of West Virginia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from West Virginia is recognized.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

PROPER SENATE PROCEDURE

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I compliment the Chair on the expert handling of the disposition of the various and sundry requests that have been made by the very distinguished Senator. I want to compliment, also, the Parliamentarian. It was a joy to hear the Chair intervene at the right place and to say the right things for the RECORD. I saw that he was being guided by the Parliamentarian. So much of the time, I think we do our work in a rather shoddy fashion here. I am glad